

My name is Adrienne Lassen and I live in the Parkrose neighborhood. I am writing to express my fervent support of the proposed discussions and bills on police accountability in the state of Oregon. It is needed now more than ever.

We need true investigations into misconduct and to hold responsible officers who maintain the blue wall of silence.

I also agree with the bill limiting disruptive tools like flash bangs, sound cannons and tear gas that incite violence and believe they are detrimental to peacekeeping not tools of peacekeeping.

We need a system that holds officers accountable and a database that eliminates the possibility of a reprimanded or unfit officer from gaining law enforcement employment in another city or jurisdiction.

The police need to be accountable to populations that they serve and we should not be afraid to create laws that reflect our communities values. I value life and that should be reflected in the culture of those called to protect and serve. Our law enforcement should be held to a higher legal and moral standard, not less and we should not be afraid to curtail the power of the police union when their culture and policies fly in the face of our values.

Best regards and well wishes for your health.